

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation into  
Implementation of Assembly Bill 970 Regarding  
the Identification of Electric Transmission and  
Distribution Constraints, Actions to Resolve  
Those Constraints, and Related Matters Affecting  
the Reliability of Electric Supply.

Investigation 00-11-001  
(Filed November 2, 2000)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER RULING REGARDING  
TEHACHAPI CPCN FILING REQUIREMENT**

In Decision (D.) 04-06-010, the Commission required that a collaborative study group be convened to develop a comprehensive transmission plan for the phased expansion of transmission capabilities in the Tehachapi area. The Commission also required (Ordering Paragraph 8) that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) file an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) authorizing construction of the first phase of Tehachapi transmission upgrades no later than six months from the effective date of D.04-06-010, which will be December 9, 2004. The Commission required (Ordering Paragraph 9) that SCE “include, to the extent feasible, projects with existing interconnection requests in its first phase CPCN.”

On September 1, 2004, SCE filed a report, as required by the assigned Administrative Law Judge, describing its planned December 9, 2004 CPCN filing. SCE stated that it plans to file “as complete a certificate application as possible” for four transmission lines and two new substations. SCE described

that one line is a new Antelope to Pardee line with associated line positions at the existing Pardee and Antelope substations and that it expects its application for this line and new line positions to be complete. SCE reported that it intends to file “as much of the CPCN application as it has completed at that time” for the remaining Tehachapi upgrades described in the September 1 report.

At a workshop held on September 20, 2004, parties discussed SCE’s plan, with concerns expressed that Commission consideration of the new Antelope to Pardee line could be delayed if the CPCN filing contains incomplete information for other portions of the upgrades. The parties also discussed whether it would be better to have SCE file two separate CPCN applications so that the Antelope to Pardee line could move forward without delay due to the other portions.

In D.04-06-010, the Commission stated its intent that implementation of a Tehachapi transmission plan not delay transmission upgrades needed to serve wind projects proceeding under existing interconnection procedures. It appears that including all of the four transmission lines and two substations in a single CPCN application could delay consideration of the Antelope to Pardee line, which appears needed for at least one such wind project. As a result, I believe that a requirement that SCE make its required CPCN filing through two separate CPCN applications would be more consistent with the intent of the Commission’s order, and I so rule.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) shall comply with Ordering Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Decision 04-06-010 by filing two separate certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) applications by December 9, 2004, with one CPCN application addressing the

Antelope to Pardee line and associated substation modifications and the second CPCN application addressing the remaining transmission upgrades described in SCE's September 1, 2004 filing in this proceeding.

Dated October 21, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Loretta M. Lynch  
Loretta M. Lynch  
Assigned Commissioner

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Regarding Tehachapi CPCN Filing Requirement on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 21, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen  
Antonina V. Swansen

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